



23/03/2018

The Link

Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Year 11 Work Reviews

On Tuesday we held work reviews for targeted Year 11 pupils. These work reviews are very important for many of our students who need a coaching/mentoring type of conversation to help them to improve their motivation and foster a sense of self-belief which is so necessary at this stage. My thanks to all families who attended.

Year 8 Options This week we have also been having Options interviews with Year 8 students and their parents. I know that parents really value these one-to-ones and appreciate the time that tutors devote to their children. Again, my thanks to all who attended.

Many congratulations to the U19 boys' football team on winning the Kent County league [see right]. I am looking forward to meeting the boys for break with cake next week.

Sunil Chotai

U19 1st XI win Kent football league

Congratulations to our U.19 Senior boys XI who have just been crowned champions of their Kent County League (northern division) for the 2017-18 season. The boys have played 22 league games, winning 16, drawing four and losing just two.

The football league fixtures take place from early September to the end of March and the remarkable aspect to this triumph is the consistency that the boys have shown in their performances throughout the seven month season, often against opposition of Football Academy status.

Unlike the sudden death of a knock out competition, a league season has been likened to a war of attrition. This team's success is borne out of sheer hard work and determination which makes "winning like the warm glow of a fire with embers that will last a life time".

The team has operated with a squad of just 15 boys and is selected from the smallest sixth form in the league; Charles Darwin School runs two teams in the County competitions and every boy should be congratulated on this success which will be celebrated at the Annual Kent Football Association dinner in June when the team will receive their medals and trophy and at the school's own Sports Awards in the autumn term.

Well done to Jordan Bulled, David Lineker, Charlie Smyth, Jordan Haywood, Ben Lambert, Frankie Harrison, Alex Dyer, Freddie Yeats, Muiwa Showemimo, Robert Hinckley, James Fitzgerald, Alfie Leighton, Charlie Leighton, Jack Proud and James Forster.

See overleaf for details of the PE Department's Sport Relief fundraising efforts this week.



Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:
Parents/carers must phone before 8:30am with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 26 to Thursday 29 March

26 March 2018 — Year 12/13 drama trip to *The Plough and the Stars*

27 March 2018 — Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening

28 March 2018 — Dance trip to performance of *Sutra* at Sadlers Wells

29 March 2018 — Non-uniform day: **minimum donation £1**

Forthcoming events: spring term

30 March to 15 April 2018 — Easter break

3 to 13 April 2018 — Holiday revision sessions

18 April 2018 — Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice

18 April 2018 — UCAS conference

21 April 2018 — Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice walk

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
16/03/2018

Thea D'Apice, Ethan Galpin and
Ayisha Green from 8RMO
Mrs Mills, Reception

STOP PRESS

Due to the adverse weather
conditions last week-end the mud
run has been rescheduled and will
now take place on
Monday 7 May 2018.

Arrival 12:30pm

Sport Relief

This week the PE department has been busy raising money for Sport Relief, running events such as Beat the Teacher; the Great PE Bake Off - which led to a fantastic cake sale - and own kit PE lessons, with students wearing their own active wear for a £1 donation.

Students and staff alike have been fantastic supporting these activities. A huge thank you to the students who took the time and effort to make some amazing sports-themed cakes. We were so impressed with your creativity and they all tasted amazing. Particular thanks to Maisie Squires, Kacey Welch and Libbie Stubbs for helping with the stall.

We have decided that we will keep the active wear donation running through next week as it is the final week of term. Therefore if students pay £1 they can wear any type of sports clothes for their PE lesson next week, but **no denim** and please make sure you have the correct footwear. Full and correct PE kit **must** be worn after the Easter holidays.

Keep your eye out in next week's Link for the winners of Beat the Teacher and The Great PE Bake Off. We will also let you know the total amount raised for Sport Relief 2018.

The PE Department

YEAR 12/13 PARENTS' EVENING AND REPORT COLLECTION on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 3:15pm – 6:15pm

This is an opportunity for pupils and their families to come and speak to staff about their progress. Governors will be present and refreshments will also be available courtesy of the Friends.



BBC Schools Report



A big well done to the students who took part in the BBC School Report on Thursday last week. Pupils have been working hard over many lunch time and after school sessions to learn skills that enabled them to report successfully on local, national and worldwide news and issues. The finished report can be watched via the link below:

<https://www.cdarwin.com/page/?title=BBC+School+Report+2017%2D18&pid=178>

Well done to Jessica Bailey, Sophie Hannaford, Jean Batt, Hannah Gurney, Libby Tomkins, Kirsty Eaton, Isobel Cairns, Tilly Marshall, Alfie Dejonge, Jodie Hallet, Ben Reeves, Leah O'Brien, Will Reeves and Liam Westcott.

Miss Sales